



Ocean State Parrot Head Club

You Had to Be There.....

Members Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2014

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Our President Ben Reed opened up our meeting in the usual fashion with a team drink.

Next week!.... NEPHC! The Nautical Whalers Parrot Head Club will be hosting our next convention...Buzzards Bay Breezin...in Plymouth, Ma...February 28 to March 2nd, 2014. The website for the convention is up and running and includes all the information...bands, activities, etc that will be happening that weekend. Joe Ventitelli explained what we will be doing for the convention...JAIL & BAIL...in short, our President, Ben, will be arrested and put in jail and he has 24 hours to collect enough money to get out! Joe is the Sheriff and he will have Sheriffetts(*is that a word?*). *All participants in this skit are to arrive at the ballroom by 7:00!* He has ordered all the appropriate costumes and accessories for this.....so, if you're going to the convention, be prepared to help Ben "get out of jail"! There will be plenty of things to do to keep you busy at the convention. Sailboat races..aka..rain gutter regatta...by your boat for 10 bucks, decorate it and BLOW it down the gutter. All that hot air we have been building up will be put to good use. Please also remember to bring any pennies you have been saving up to donate to a good cause! Thank you so much for all the donations for our OSPHC basket. We will be doing a RI basket with assorted things from RI and included with that will be a \$1000 gift card to be spent as the winner sees fit. Not a bad win at all! Lots of raffles, lots of prizes, lots of fun! See you all next weekend!

Next up.... Jimmy Buffett tickets. PHIP has made available, tickets for all shows this year. The 3 that we are interested in are.... Bethel, NY, July 17thGreat Woods...July 19th (yup, to us it's still Great Woods), and Jones Beach, August 21st. Ben has sent out notices for these and has ordered tickets appropriately for all who requested. Your money is due ASAP. Please give your check to Ben or mail to the P.O. box. Also, your dues MUST be paid up to have ordered tickets and next year's dues, must be paid in order to get the tickets. You can

include your dues fee's with your check for the Buffett tickets or give cash or check to Terri, our Membership Director.

Kathy Batease, our Social Director went over our next club social event. A Seal Watch cruise out of Newport on April 13th. She will be handing out signup sheets at our next meeting. She needs at least 10 people to get the group rate.....which shouldn't be a problem....money will be due by the April meeting or you can pay her when you sign up. So keep an eye on your e-mail and facebook to keep up with what is going on and to get information on how to sign up for these social events. Just an example of a few things we have planned for this year....winery tour, seal watch, polo. So keep an eye out!!! Never know what we are coming up with next!

Our OSPHC Annual Fundraiser will be happening on May 10th at the Shield Post in Warwick...(same place as last year) Shield's has again donated the hall and our friend Eddy is still there. Linda, the bartender has requested to serve you all again this year...she had a blast last year! This year, we will incorporate Wreath Across America as our main charity.... We will also incorporate other charities into this fundraiser. We are going to spread the wealth! Our own Cabana Boys will be the entertainment again and have also donated their time....thanks boys! We will need LOTS of raffle prizes. So if you know anyone who can donate ANYTHING, restaurants gift certificates, hairdressers, markets, artists, if you have friends who own a local business.....anything we can raffle off, it would be great. If you can make a basket and donate it...it will be greatly appreciated. The raffle alone last year raised over 1900.00! Last year's fundraiser not only raised a lot of money, but it was also a great time. I will have tickets to be sold at the next meeting and will be handing a few out to each person....do the best you can....we can't do this without everyone's help!

Charlie Pitts, our Treasurer gave us a rundown on our club funds. After checks were sent to the American Cancer Society, PHIP, Aloha Luau, Merchandise, and the Club Basket we still have 1575.15 in our club treasury. This total will go up as money is collected for dues in the coming months.

Sue Nelson has sent out questionnaire/survey to all members via e-mail as an attachment, so it can be printed out, filled out, and either given to one of the BOD members or mailed back. The BOD is interested in your feedback on things and we feel this is the best way to find out. So, please, when you get it, take a few minutes to fill it out and hand it in.

Joe Venitelli, again tonight was adorned with yet more gear...it was Joe's final dress... Ken Nelson gave him a NY Yankees golf towel for being a good sport and a few other trinkets for his Yankee team, to get them by this year. This was a fun thing to do all year and Joe is such a good sport. Thanks Joe, you're great!

Again....Club merchandise is for sale anytime...t-shirts, golf shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and new for this year...denim shirts. Mike Sheehan is in charge of that and will have information on ordering at every meeting...He can order anything at anytime and has a list of products, pricing and so on...order forms will be put on tables at every members meeting.....just ask him for the information. Spring will be hear before you know it...show your OSPHC pride and do a little free advertising for the club by wearing your gear!

We will be changing up our meeting places for 2014. Every other month will be at Davenport's in East Providence or Doherty's in Warwick for the other months...keep an eye on your e-mail and facebook for time and place.

Birthdays were announced and cupcakes handed out for both January and February....Happy Birthday January and February babies!

Our next members meeting will be at Davenports on March 14th, 2014!

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC